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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**
TRANSMITTAL FORM (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

DOCKET NO. 11443/158	APPLICATION SERIAL NO. 10/676,046	EXAMINER John P. Luebecker	ART UNIT 3739
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INVENTOR: **Michael P. WHITMAN et al.**

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Date: June 1, 2006Signature: [Signature] (Reg. No. 42,674)This is a **Request for Continued Examination** under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (RCE) of pending application Serial No. **10/676,046** filed on **September 30, 2003**, entitled **SELF CONTAINED STERILIZABLE ENDOSCOPE**.The following constitute the submission **required** by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(a) and is attached:

- ☒ **X** Amendment After A Final Office Action
☐ Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449
☐ Drawing Changes
☐ Other Submission: _____

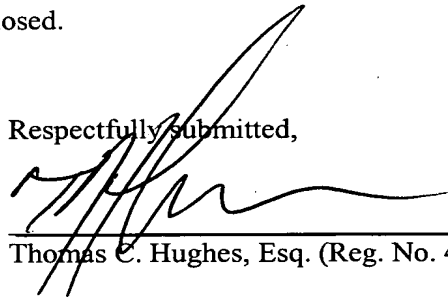
1. The filing fee for this RCE and the required amendment/submission is calculated below. The fee below is calculated based on the status of the claims after the entry of the attached amendment/submission. The fee for any new additional claims is included with this RCE, the fee for previously entered additional claims having already been paid.

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	MINUS	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT NUMBER EXTRA*	RATE (\$ PER CLAIM	FEE (\$)
BASIC FEE						790.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	80		82	0	50.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3		3	0	200.00	0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					390.00	0.00
				*Number extra must be zero or larger	TOTAL	790.00
	If Applicant is a small entity under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27, then divide total fee by 2, and enter amount here.					SMALL ENTITY TOTAL 395.00

2. Please charge the required small entity RCE and submission filing fee of **\$395.00** to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
3. Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action mailed December 1, 2005 for which a three-month response period expiring on March 1, 2006 was set. The three month extended period for response expires on June 1, 1006. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of **\$510.00** (the 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) three-month small entity extension fee to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number 11-0600.
4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees, including any additional fees required, associated with this communication or arising during the pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon**, deposit account number **11-0600**.
5. A duplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.

Dated: June 1, 2006

By: Respectfully submitted,



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